

(5) applauds steps that have been taken by the President and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to assist displaced persons in Yemen;

(6) urges the Government of Yemen and rebel forces to immediately halt hostilities, allow medical and humanitarian aid to reach civilians displaced by conflict, and create an environment that will enable a return to normal life for those displaced by the conflict; and

(7) calls on the President and international community to use all appropriate measures to assist the people of Yemen to prevent Yemen from becoming a failed state.

#### RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR PAULA F. HAWKINS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 370, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 370) relative to the death of Paula F. Hawkins, former United States Senator for the State of Florida.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, I rise to express my sorrow at the passing of former U.S. Senator Paula Hawkins and to pay tribute to her long life and groundbreaking career of public service.

A resident of central Florida, Paula Hawkins began her political career in 1972 when she was elected to Florida's Public Services Commission where she served for two consecutive terms and worked to become a vibrant voice for consumers.

Paula Hawkins aspired to continue her public service by running for higher office, first for the U.S. Senate in 1974, and then for Lieutenant Governor in 1978. Though both times she lost the race, she never gave up and never lost the desire to continue working for Floridians.

Paula made history in 1980 when she became the first woman from Florida to be elected to the U.S. Senate and the first woman from Florida to be elected to Federal office.

During her tenure in the Senate, Senator Hawkins became an outspoken champion for America's victimized children and brought a special focus to the problem of child abduction. Driven by the disappearance of 6-year-old Florida resident Adam Walsh, Senator Hawkins ushered passage of landmark legislation focusing on the issue of

missing children. Her work would ultimately help to establish the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. She also supported a special unit at the Federal Bureau of Investigation that would focus solely on profiling serial killers.

Though I am saddened by her passing, I am honored today to serve in the same class as Senator Hawkins—a seat she held before being succeeded by former Senator Bob Graham, and my predecessor, Senator Mel Martinez.

The citizens of our United States owe a debt of gratitude to this great Floridian and we shall not soon forget the work of Senator Hawkins.

Mr. BAUCUS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 370) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 370

Whereas Paula F. Hawkins was a staunch consumer advocate and served the citizens of the State of Florida on its Public Service Commission for seven years, serving as its Chairman for three years;

Whereas Paula F. Hawkins was instrumental in passing the Missing Children's Assistance Act of 1984 and worked to help establish the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

Whereas Paula F. Hawkins served the people of Florida with distinction for 6 years in the United States Senate;

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paula F. Hawkins, former member of the United States Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Paula F. Hawkins.

#### ORDERS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

Mr. BAUCUS. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day,

and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3590, the health care reform legislation, with the first 3 hours following any leader remarks equally divided between the two leaders or their designees and controlled in 45-minute alternating blocks of time, with the majority controlling the first block, and with no other motions or amendments in order during the controlled time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Senators should expect rollcall votes tomorrow afternoon. There will be no rollcall votes prior to 1 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BAUCUS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 370, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Paula Hawkins, a former Senator from the State of Florida.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DAVID L. STRICKLAND, OF GEORGIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, VICE NICOLE R. NASON, RESIGNED.

##### TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

WILLIAM B. SANSOM, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2014. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JUDITH ANN STEWART STOCK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS), VICE GOLI AMERI, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. MARY A. LEGERE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS P. BOSTICK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT L. CASLEN, JR.